Multi-Laboratory Data Audit Update

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Multi-Laboratory Data Audit Update

Background, purpose & scope

Status & preliminary findings

Next steps



Multi-Laboratory Data Audit Background & Purpose

- Ongoing obligation to audit 21E response action submittals (310 CMR 40.1100)
- Analyses certified by labs to have followed Compendium of Analytical Methods (CAM)
- Ensure data quality is adequately documented and commensurate with its use in supporting assessment and cleanup decisions

Multi-Laboratory Data Audit Scope

RFIs sent to 14 laboratories – Nov 2016

 47 data packages including VPH, EPH, APH and TO-15 (plus 8260 VOCs & 1,4dioxane for one lab)

All packages CAM-certified



Multi-Laboratory Data Audit Scope

Absolute Resource Associates

SGS Accutest

Alpha Analytical

AMRO Environmental

ChemServe

Con-Test Analytical

ESS

GeoLabs

Katahdin Analytical

New England Testing

Phoenix Environmental

RI Analytical

Eurofins Spectrum

TestAmerica Buffalo



Multi-Laboratory Data Audit Status

- Original RFIs sent November 2016
- Preliminary "findings" (i.e. CAM noncompliances) shared individually November 2018
- 2nd RFI: agree/disagree?, still current practice?
- 10 of 12 remaining labs have responded so far



Multi-Laboratory Data Audit Preliminary Findings

Organized by type of CAM non-compliance:

- Reporting
- Method deviation
- Calculation errors
- QC
- Laboratory errors



Multi-Laboratory Data Audit Preliminary Findings

- VPH & EPH calibration & reporting limits
- VPH, EPH, VOCs, 1,4-dioxane method deviations & calculation errors
- TO-15 & APH less frequent & less significant issues

Multi-Laboratory Data Audit Next Steps

Continue compiling & reviewing 2nd RFI responses

 Publish final report with labs, findings and CAM recommendations



Multi-Laboratory Data Audit Questions?

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